

\$14 THE TOP NOTCH IN COAL SQUEEZE.

The Evening World by an Exhaustive Inquiry Shows Just How the Public Is Being Pinched and Finds that in Many Cases a Short-Weight Gauge Is Coupled to the High Rate.

HERE ARE ACTUAL QUOTATIONS OF PRICES FOR COAL BY DEALERS.

These varying prices for hard coal were quoted by telephone by the following dealers:	
Vehslage & Lammers.....	\$12.50
Wilson, Matthew & Company.....	12.00
John Sander	11.00
Columbus Coal Company (have none).....	8.00
Robert Gordon & Son.....	10.00
Ernst Brothers	13.00
Bunke & Cording (have none).....	12.00
Stokes Brothers (for customers).....	8.00
Stokes Brothers (for non-customers).....	9.00
Burns Brothers	7.50
W. H. White (to old customers).....	14.00
Theodore F. Tone	10.50

The man with a great deal of money can get coal; the man with only a little money can get coal. The financially mediocre citizen, the fellow with a little house and a big mortgage on it, is the one who is getting squeezed by the present coal scarcity.

This much appeared to be demonstrated by inquiries made by The Evening World of a large number of coal dealers, great and small, in this city. The inquiries were made by telephone, the inquirer for coal representing himself to be a would-be purchaser, for it has been learned in the newspaper business that men sometimes say one thing when they think its going to appear in type and another when they think it isn't.

It was ascertained by these inquiries that some dealers have coal and some haven't. Some want a lot of money for what they have and others are content with half price. Old customers are being favored, as is quite natural, especially by those dealers who are keeping the price within bounds.

WILL TAKE ANYBODY'S MONEY.

The fellows who have put the price up to the ceiling are mostly willing to take anybody's money so long as it's money. If you have money and will pay it there are dealers in New York who will help you out.

If you are miserably poor and willing to swallow your pride you can get coal by the bag, or pall, or bucket. If you haven't a dollar and are willing to beg the charitable organizations will take care of you, but if you own a house, or rent one, and you don't want to carry a bag of coal through the streets on your back or bend under the weight of a bucketful, like some poor children have to do, you are likely to sweat from over-exertion in your hunt before you will get warm from coal that you can buy at a fair price.

ONE LOW-PRICED DEALER.

Burns Bros., main office No. 24 Cortlandt street—We are selling our customers at \$7.50, and have been all along. We will put your name on our books for a ton, but as there are hundreds ahead of you it won't do you much good for some time. (This concern handles 2,500 tons a day and has over 300 wagons.)

W. H. White, No. 131 Seventh avenue—Our rate is \$14 a ton and that only to old customers.

Theodore F. Tone, Twelfth avenue and One Hundred and Thirty-third street—All we have is "broken" coal in small sizes. We are selling only to old customers at \$10.50 a ton.

NO COAL AT ANY PRICE.

Jere Pangburn, Jr., No. 608 Greenwich street—I haven't a pound of coal in my place.

The Moquin-Giffman-Heisenbuttel Coal Company's depot at the foot of West Fourth street—We have no coal at any price and we do not know when we will have any. (Most of this concern's supply goes to Brooklyn.)

L. Blett, No. 200 West Twelfth street—I haven't had any coal to sell for some time.

From an inspection of these responses it becomes apparent that the price of coal is ranging from \$7.50 to \$14 a ton. While it is not easy to get, still energy and money will get it. If those persons who have the money will get on a telephone and work it long enough they will find some dealer who has the coal for a price, but it will be a mighty high price. The poor person to whom \$3 looks like a month's savings is up against it sure enough.

GOUGING BY SHORT WEIGHT.

With all the troubles which are indicated by these inquiries, the consumer, even if he gets the coal and has the money to pay for it, has another proposition before him. Some of the dealers, not satisfied with gouging him with double or triple prices, give him short weight.

This evil has become so serious during the present crisis that the most retailers of the city have aroused themselves to protect the public as much as they can and thereby relieve themselves of some of the odium which attaches to them despite anything which they have been able to do. These men are moving through the Coal Trade Protective Association, which was organized three years ago to put a stop to the practice of dishonest dealers selling short tons for full tons. Jere Pangburn, Jr., of No. 608 Greenwich street, is secretary of the association, and he has issued an appeal to the public to protect themselves and the honest dealer by insisting on getting full weight. He also tells them how this may be done.

WHERE COAL MAY BE WEIGHED.

"Throughout the greater city there are over forty weighing stations," said to-day an Evening World reporter, "where coal can be weighed, and should the lead fall below standard weight per ton prosecution of the dealer will be begun at once by the Corporation Counsel's Office at the instance of the association. No one likes to be robbed, and this is a time when many dealers might be tempted to take advantage of consumers."

There is a slight expense to the consumer—15 cents charges on each ton weighed, which goes to the owner of the scales. In return the consumer gets full weight, and if the dealer is found to have a short ton upon his wagon he is immediately prosecuted. It is our purpose, through the association, to eliminate a feature of unfair competition between dealers, some of whom in the past have offered cheap coal, thereby getting the orders, it who sell 1,700-pound tons.

In the case where the coal believed to be short in weight is further than half a mile from one of the weighing stations the customer will have to grin and bear, as the statute does not obligate the driver on the wagon to proceed to a weighing station at the customer's request unless within that distance. However, the customer can make complaint with the association against the particular dealer who is selling "short tons" and assured that the matter will be taken up in the association and the offender brought to task."

COULDN'T RUN FROM FIRE.

But Man with Wooden Legs Was Getting Ready When Help Came. An early morning fire in David Weiss' restaurant at No. 105 Bway killed the occupants of several lodgings among them "Stumpy" Kraemer, proprietor of the Bway, whose legs were cut off at the knee and the man went into the cellar to get his tools and upset his candle.

Orangevale Checks a Cold. Takes two Orangevale powers, 20 minutes each, when chilled or exposed.

LAWRENCE WATERBURY, BARRED FROM STOCK EXCHANGE, AND HIS POLO FRIENDS.



LAWRENCE WATERBURY

Wall street buzzed to-day with comment on the action of the Membership Committee of the Stock Exchange in turning down the application for membership of Lawrence Waterbury, who had already paid \$50,000 for a seat.

The Evening World located Mr. Waterbury at Laurel-in-the-Pines, Lakewood, N. J., this afternoon. When asked to make a statement on his reported disbarment from the Stock Exchange, he said:

"It is true that I have withdrawn my application for membership in the New York Stock Exchange. The reason why I did it is because I had a much more advantageous offer from the brokerage firm of Dick Brothers & Co., which had not been known to members of the Exchange generally that Mr. Waterbury, who is better known as 'Larry' Waterbury, the star polo player, had aspirations to be a broker, and there is a great deal of mystery surrounding the refusal of the Membership Committee to allow his name to be voted on.

The friends of Mr. Waterbury on the Exchange who proposed his name and were then compelled to withdraw it because of hints made by the Membership Committee are incensed. They assert that they have been unable to obtain a satisfactory explanation of the action of the committee, and the committee has nothing further to say.

Naturally Mr. Waterbury, although deeply humiliated, can offer no comment, and all that remains for him to do is for him to transfer his seat to some one more fortunate in passing the Membership Committee.

The Membership Committee is composed of some of the oldest and most conservative members of the Stock Exchange. A full list of the membership of fifteen is as follows: A. M. Cahoon, Chairman; J. T. Atterbury, Clarence G. Day, W. M. Donahue, P. W. Gilly, A. E. Goodhart, E. Greenback, Charles Hazard, W. H. Holster, W. B. Lawrence, J. H. Oliphant, H. K. Pomeroy, F. K. Sturgis, A. C. Tower and A. Wolff, Jr.

A member of this committee said: "We frequently reject applications. We are here to pass on them to the best of our ability. I am not authorized to



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affirm or deny the story of Mr. Waterbury's rejection."

One of the men who proposed the name of Mr. Waterbury made a statement to The Evening World to-day, giving his side of the controversy. He said that inasmuch as there is no appeal from the decision of the Committee on Membership further action is impossible, but every effort will be made to get at the bottom of the opposition to Mr. Waterbury.

"We proposed his name in good faith," said Mr. Waterbury's friend, "knowing that he possessed all the requirements for membership and was financially able to assume the obligations that membership in the Stock Exchange implies."

"We were astonished when told by members of the Committee on Admissions that he was to be rejected. Naturally we insisted upon an explanation and were told that there was nothing against Mr. Waterbury which in any way reflected upon his character, and when we still insisted for a more definite statement we were told that he was inclined to be a little too reckless in speculation."

"Great Scott! There are five hundred members of the Stock Exchange to whom this would apply with far more force than to Mr. Waterbury. He never yet has engaged in a 'corner' worked a 'blind pool' that failed, or engaged in a market movement which wrought disaster to hundreds."

"Nothing to Be Done. 'There are members of the Exchange who have done all these things and have not even been censured. Any one who has ever seen him playing on George Gould's Lakewood team would have to admit that.'"

"But if polo players are to be barred, why shouldn't the exchange take George Gould's name off the list?"

"Of course, we can do nothing. Mr. Waterbury feels humiliated but he cannot express his views. We feel that the committee strangled at a goat after swallowing many full-grown camels."

In being turned down by the Stock Exchange Membership Committee Mr. Waterbury has a long line of distinguished company. The chief speculators and leaders in the stock market who have been barred from the floor of the Exchange were Jay Gould and James F. Keene. It is a coincidence that Foxhall Keene, the son of James Keene, is a particular chum of Lawrence Waterbury.

Mr. Waterbury is not well known in Wall street as a speculator or a dealer in stocks. It is said that he has accumulated about \$200,000 in the past three years. As Wall street winnows this in a small stream enough to identify the winner of it with the big plunders in the market.

Once Had Great Fortune.

Lawrence Waterbury is the son of James Waterbury, Sr., who was the

head of the Cordage Trust at the time of the disastrous collapse of that organization in 1892. Out of the crash the Waterbury family emerged with but a remnant of its former great fortune. The elder Waterbury opened up the old rope walk in Williamsburg in which he laid the foundation of his fortune and has succeeded in building up another fortune.

When the Cordage Trust blew up Larry Waterbury was a young man about town, a polo player, a cross-country rider and a general favorite in society. It was at the country home of his father in Westchester, that the famous amateur circus, organized by himself, Robert Hargous, Stanley Moriner and other young men of the Westchester set, was held. This entertainment cost \$2,000.

After the crash young Waterbury went to work as a clerk in the office of the Waterbury Rope Company, at No. 20 South street. It is said of him that he worked faithfully and the fact that he was obliged to toil for a living did not effect his standing in society, but it did effect a love affair in which he

figured in 1896, when the fortunes of the family were on the upward turn. He fell in love with Miss "Polly" Whittier, the youngest daughter of Gen. Whittier, a member of the Union Club and a prominent figure in Boston and Newport society. The General opposed the match so vigorously that it was broken off. Three years later he married Miss Maude Lindow Hall, daughter of the late Valentine G. Hall. He has a fine country house in Westchester and a town house in East Thirty-fifth street.

Noted Polo Player.

For three years past Mr. Waterbury has worked but little at the rope business. He is a member of George Gould's polo team and in the season is prominent in all the games played in Lakewood, New York and Saratoga. By many he is considered the best young man on a polo pony's back in the United States.

During the championship games noted for his recklessness in the game. Mr. Waterbury was a member of the American polo team that went to England last year and sustained defeat at the hands of the crack team of England. During the championship games the Earl of Shrewsbury swore out a complaint before a Magistrate against Mr. Waterbury, charging him with cruelty to animals in using sharp spurs on his pony and making the blood flow. So much sentiment appeared against the action of the Earl that he withdrew his complaint and made a public apology.

HAVE YOU TROUBLE? CHINESE ORDERED THEN PERUSE THIS TO RETURN HOME.

Man Making \$15 a Week Supports Three Families, but Bails on the Fourth.

Thirteen Residents of Brooklyn, Believed to Have Been Smuggled In, Are Sent Back.

The troubles of Charles D. Stoddard are sufficient to discourage matrimony. He is a hard-working printer at \$15 a week, and is supporting his third wife and two children in a little home in Brooklyn; his first wife and their five children in some town up-State, and his aged mother, whose doctor's bills he is paying.

Now comes his second wife, Mrs. Nellie D. Bremer, her second husband being a wealthy Manhattan resident, and asking Justice Maddox in the Supreme Court of Brooklyn to cause Stoddard's arrest for failing to pay in the last two years the \$8 a week alimony granted for the support of herself and her two children, which he was ordered to do when she procured a divorce.

Justice Maddox, however, listened to Stoddard's woes as described by his counsel and remarked:

"I'll put this matter off indefinitely. I do not believe in making men support other men's wives."

United States Commissioner Benedict, of Brooklyn, to-day ordered the deportation of eleven Chinese residents of Brooklyn, finishing the case of the twenty-nine Chinamen arrested last summer for not being registered according to the Geary exclusion act.

When the arrests were made the Chinese Minister at Washington retained the law firm of Black, Geo. Gruber & Bonyone to defend his countrymen. Fifteen of the twenty-nine produced certificates of registration with authorized photographs. One was discharged, and at a subsequent hearing two were ordered deported. The hearing of the remaining eleven was finished this morning, and Commissioner Benedict ordered their deportation. It is the assumption of the courts that they were smuggled in.

The two who were previously ordered deported have been waiting in jail for the disposition of the cases this morning. Now the thirteen will be shipped across the continent to San Francisco.

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Pure white diamonds, 7-11-12, \$20	Steel white, fine gem, perfectly cut, half of No. 1, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17-18, 19-20, 21-22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34, 35-36, 37-38, 39-40, 41-42, 43-44, 45-46, 47-48, 49-50, 51-52, 53-54, 55-56, 57-58, 59-60, 61-62, 63-64, 65-66, 67-68, 69-70, 71-72, 73-74, 75-76, 77-78, 79-80, 81-82, 83-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92, 93-94, 95-96, 97-98, 99-100, 101-102, 103-104, 105-106, 107-108, 109-110, 111-112, 113-114, 115-116, 117-118, 119-120, 121-122, 123-124, 125-126, 127-128, 129-130, 131-132, 133-134, 135-136, 137-138, 139-140, 141-142, 143-144, 145-146, 147-148, 149-150, 151-152, 153-154, 155-156, 157-158, 159-160, 161-162, 163-164, 165-166, 167-168, 169-170, 171-172, 173-174, 175-176, 177-178, 179-180, 181-182, 183-184, 185-186, 187-188, 189-190, 191-192, 193-194, 195-196, 197-198, 199-200, 201-202, 203-204, 205-206, 207-208, 209-210, 211-212, 213-214, 215-216, 217-218, 219-220, 221-222, 223-224, 225-226, 227-228, 229-230, 231-232, 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